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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

From *Thurſday March* 2. to *Saturday March* 4. 1709.

Sheer-Lane, March 3.

WHILE the Attention of the Town is drawn aſide from the reading us Writers of News, we all ſave our ſelves againſt it is at more Leiſure. As for my own Part, I ſhall ſtill let the labouring Oar be managed by my Correſpondents, and fill my Paper with their Sentiments, rather than my own, till I find my Readers more diſengaged than they are at preſent. When I came home this Evening, I found ſeveral Letters and Petitions, which I ſhall inſert with no other Order, than as I accidentally opened them, as follows:

SIR, *March* 1. 170⅞.

HAving a Daughter about Nine Years of Age, I would endeavour ſhe might have Education; I mean ſuch as may be uſeful, as working well, and a good Deportment. In order to it, I am perſwaded to place her at ſome Boarding-School, ſituate in a good Air. My Wife oppoſes it, and gives for her greateſt Reaſon, That ſhe is too much a Woman, and underſtands the Formalities of Viſiting and a Tea-Table ſo very nicely, that none, tho' much older, can exceed her; and with all theſe Perfections, the Girl can ſcarce thread a Needle: But however, after ſeveral Arguments, we have agreed to be decided by your Judgment; and knowing your Abilities, ſhall manage our Daughter exactly as you ſhall pleaſe to direct. I am ſerious in my Requeſt, and hope you will be ſo in your Anſwer, which will lay a deep Obligation upon,

SIR,

Your humble Servant,

T. T.

Sir, pray anſwer it in your *Tatler*, that it may be ſerviceable to the Publick.

I am as ſerious on this Subject as my Correſpondent can be, and am of Opinion, That the great Happineſs or Misfortune of Mankind depends upon the Manner of Educating and Treating that Sex. I have lately ſaid, I deſign to turn my Thoughts more particularly to them and their Service: I beg therefore a little Time to give my Opinion on ſo important a Subject, and deſire the young Lady may fill Tea one Week longer, till I have conſidered whether ſhe ſhall be removed or not.

Mr. Bickerſtaff, *Chancery-Lane, Feb.* 27. 1709.

YOur Notice in the Advertiſement in your *Tatler* of *Saturday* laſt about *Whetters* in and about the *Royal-Exchange*, is mightily taken Notice of by Gentlemen who uſe the Coffee-houſes near the *Chancery-Office* in *Chancery-Lane*; and there being a particular certain Set of both young and old Gentlemen that belong to and near adjoining to the *Chancery-Office*, both in *Chancery-Lane* and *Bell-Yard*, that are not only *Whetters* all the Morning long, but very Muſically given about Twelve at Night the ſame Days, and mightily taken with the Union of the Dulcimer, Violin, and Song; at which Recreation they rejoice together with perfect Harmony, however their Clients diſagree: You are humbly deſired by ſeveral Gentlemen to give ſome Regulation concerning them; in which you will contribute to the Repoſe of us, who are

Your very humble Servants,

L. T. N. F. T. W.

Theſe *Whetters* are a People I have conſidered with much Pains, and find them to differ from a Sect I have heretofore ſpoken of, called *Snuff-Takers*, only in the Expedition they take in deſtroying their Brains: The *Whetter* is obliged to refreſh himſelf every Moment with a Liquor, as the *Snuff-Taker* with a Powder. As for their Harmony in the Evening, I have nothing to object, provided they remove to *Wapping* or the *Bridge-Foot*, where it is not to be ſuppoſ'd that their Vociferations will annoy the Studious, the Buſie, or the Contemplative. I once had Lodgings in *Grays-Inn*, where we had two hard Students, who learned to play upon the Hautboy; and I had a Couple of Chamber-Fellows over my Head not leſs diligent in the Practice of Back-Sword and Single-Rapier. I remember theſe Gentlemen were aſſigned by the Benchers the Two Houſes at the End of the Terras-Walk, as the only Places fit for their Meditations. Such Students as will let none improve but themſelves, ought indeed to have their proper Diſtances from Societies.

The Gentlemen of loud Mirth above-mentioned I take to be, in the Quality of their Crime, the ſame as *Eve*'s-Droppers; for they who will be in your Company whether you will or no, are to as great a Degree Offenders, as they who hearken to what paſſes without being of your Company at all. The ancient Puniſhment for the latter, when I firſt came to this Town, was the Blanket, which I humbly conceive may be as juſtly applied to him that bawls, as to him that liſtens. It is therefore provided for the future, That (except in the long Vacation) no Retainers to the Law, with Dulcimer, Violin, or any other Inſtrument, in any Tavern within a Furlong of an Inn of Court, ſhall ſing any Tune, or pretended Tune whatſoever, upon Pain of the Blanket, to be adminiſtred according to the Diſcretion of all ſuch peaceable People as ſhall be within the Annoyance. And it is further directed, That all Clerks who ſhall offend

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in this Kind shall forfeit their Indentures, and be turned over as Assistants to the Clerks of Parishes within the Bills of Mortality, who are hereby empowered to demand them accordingly.

I am not to omit the Receipt of the following Letter, with a Nightcap, from my Valentine; which Nightcap I find was finished in the Year 1588, and is too finely wrought to be of any modern Stitching. Its Antiquity will better appear by my Valentine's own Words.

SIR,

'SInce you are pleased to accept of so mean a 'Present as a Nightcap from your Valentine, I 'have sent you one, which I do assure you has 'been very much esteemed of in our Family; for 'my Great Grandmother's Daughter who work'd 'it, was Maid of Honour to Queen *Elizabeth*, and 'had the Misfortune to lose her Life by pricking 'her Finger in the making of it, of which she 'bled to Death, as her Tomb now at *Westminster* 'will shew: For which Reason, my self, nor 'none of my Family, have loved Work ever since; 'otherwise you should have had one as you de-'sired, made by the Hands of,

SIR,

Your affectionate Valentine.

To the Right Worshipful Isaac Bickerstaff *Esq; Censor of* Great-Britain, *and Governor of the Hospital erected, or to be erected, in* Moor-fields.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Goatham* in the County of *Middlesex*,

Humbly sheweth,

'THat whereas 'tis the undoubted Right of your 'said Petitioners to repair on every Lord's-'Day to a Chapel of Ease in the said Parish, there 'to be instructed in their Duties in the known or 'vulgar Tongue; yet so it is, (may it please your 'Worship) that the Preacher of the said Chapel 'has of late given himself wholly up to Matters 'of Controversy, in no wise tending to the Edifi-'cation of your said Petitioners; and in hand-'ling (as he calls it) the same, has used divers 'hard and crabbed Words; such as, among many 'others, are *Orthodox* and *Heterodox*, which are in 'no sort understood by your said Petitioners; and 'tis with Grief of Heart, that your Petitioners 'beg Leave to represent to you, that in mention-'ing the aforesaid Words or Names, (the latter of 'which, as we have Reason to believe, is his dead-'ly Enemy) he will fall into Ravings and Foam-'ings, ill-becoming the Meekness of his Office, 'and tending to give Offence and Scandal to all 'good People.

'Your Petitioners further say, That they are 'ready to prove the aforesaid Allegations; and 'therefore humbly hope, that from a true Sense of 'their Condition, you will please to receive the 'said Preacher into the Hospital, 'till he shall re-'cover a right Use of his Senses.

And your Petitioners, &c.

Advertisements.

*** PROPOSALS for Printing the LUCUBRATIONS of Isaac Bickerstaff Esq; by Subscriptions, in Two Volumes in Octavo, on a Large Character, and Fine Royal Paper, are to be seen, and Subscriptions taken, at Charles Lillie's, a Perfumer, at the Corner of Beauford-Buildings in the Strand, and John Morphew's near Stationers-Hall. All Persons that design to subscribe to this Work, are desired to send their Subscriptions with all Expedition, the Book being put to Press, in order to have it publish'd before Easter.

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TO those that are afflicted with the STONE and GRAVEL; These are to certify whom it may concern, That I Anthony Moring, (who keep the Blue-Posts Eating-House, just without Temple-Bar) having been for about Two Years very much afflicted with the Stone and Gravel, was advised by a Neighbour of mine, (from whom it had brought away 13 Stones) to try the Powder that is sold by Mr. Rogers in Fleet-street, and Mr. Aylmer in Cornhil, Booksellers, for that Distemper; which I did, and found such Success from the Use of it, that it brought away lately from me 9 Stones, 3 of which were very large, which I have by me, ready to shew to any one that desires to see them. Since which Time, I have continued very well. Witness my Hand this 21st of Febr. 1709-10. *Anthony Moring.*

William West, Mercer, lately Partner with George Noble and William Oswin, at the Peacock in the New Exchange, is removed to the Black-Moor's Head in that Exchange, in the same Walk, and Partner with Robert Sutton.

*** Sir Cyrill Wich's Library continues to be sold every Evening, at Exeter-Change in the Strand, beginning at 5 of the Clock exactly. Catalogues are sold at 6 d. each, by E. Curll against St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet-street, and R. Smith at his Warehouse, the Place of Sale. Beginning to Night in the middle of the 29th Page, with the English Books in Folio.

*** There is just publish'd, The Law of Actions; being an exact, brief and methodical, Collection of all adjudg'd Cases out of all the Reports of the Law to this Day; and likewise from Roll's Abridgment, correcting the Method thereof; by which any particular Case may be presently found, and the Reason that rules it render'd obvious to the meanest Capacity. With the Substance of the Pleadings in these Actions. Printed for J. Hartley between the Two Temple Gates in Fleet-street. Price 3 s. 6 d. Where any Person may have ready Money for any Library or Parcel of Books.

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FRom the charitable Society of Single Persons, at London-Stone, for raising Money upon Marriages in City or Country, where real Security is given; that for 6 d. Entrance, and 2 s. per Quarter, they shall receive certain 150 per Cent. clear Profit at the least, and may get from 40 l. to 400 l. as may be seen by the Accounts of Dividends and Marriages, &c. Now printed and sold by J. Morphew and the Booksellers. Price 1 d. The Entry's now near 1000; and the new double. Tickets at 5 s. are already worth 5 l. to any that marry in the first Quarter, ending the 14th of May next. And all the new married have already received above 20 for one.

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